

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In re Application of : Customer Number: 20277  
Eisuke SASAOKA, et al. : Confirmation Number: 6952  
Application No.: 10/519,381 : Group Art Unit: 2883  
Filed: September 20, 2005 : Allowed: March 22, 2008  
For: OPTICAL FIBERS

**REQUEST FOR ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF THE CITED ART**

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Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

We are in receipt of the Notice of Allowance dated March 22, 2008.

In reviewing the file, it is noted that we have not received acknowledgement of the Information Disclosure Statement and cited art filed March 7, 2008. Enclosed are copies of the Information Disclosure Statement, PTO-1449 and stamped return postcard acknowledgement.

Applicant hereby respectfully requests that:

- (1) the appropriately acknowledged PTO-1449 be furnished to Applicant; and

(2) the record be clarified to confirm that the cited art has been considered and made of record.

Respectfully submitted,

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INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

Mail Stop Amendment  
Commissioner for Patents  
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Dear Sir:

This Information Disclosure Statement is being filed more than three months after the U.S. filing date and after the mailing date of a Final Rejection or Notice of Allowance, but before payment of the Issue Fee.

REQUEST TO CONSIDER REFERENCES AFTER CLOSE OF PROSECUTION AND  
BEFORE PAYMENT OF ISSUE FEE

In accordance with the provisions of 37 C.F.R. 1.56, 1.97 and 1.98, the attention of the Patent and Trademark Office is hereby directed to the references listed on the attached form PTO-1449. It is respectfully requested that the references be expressly considered during the prosecution of this application, and that the references be made of record therein and appear

among the "References Cited" on any patent to issue therefrom. Please charge the processing fee under 1.17(p) of \$180.00 to Deposit Account .

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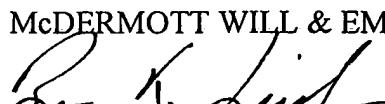
The undersigned certifies that each item of information contained in this Information Disclosure Statement was first cited in a communication from a foreign patent office in a counterpart foreign application not more than three months prior to the filing of this Information Disclosure Statement as described in 37 CFR 1.97(e)(1).

The references were cited in a Chinese Office Action and their relevance is discussed therein. A copy of the Chinese Office Action, together with an English language version thereof, is attached for the Examiner's information. Please note that the references, WO 01/027667, US 6,266,467, and JP 2003-084163, were previously cited in an Information Disclosure Statement on October 16, 2006.

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